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UNIVERSITY CLUB

CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University's social organization for University retirees in the local area and current faculty and staff and their families is sponsoring a noon tailgate party for members Saturday, Oct. 27, before the EIU vs Northern Iowa football game at 1:30 p.m. at O'Brien Stadium.

"All local EIU retirees and current employees, including their spouses, are invited to join University Club and participate in its tailgate party and future social outings," said Club President Charles Switzer of Charleston. Switzer retired as EIU's Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Director of Summer School in August.

According to Switzer, the University Club offers all age groups the opportunity to renew acquaintances with former colleagues, make new friends and exchange ideas.

The group sponsors socials each month, featuring refreshments as well as special events throughout the year, including holiday dinner dances, Christmas sing-a-longs and Western parties.

Other events planned this year include trips to performing arts and big band events.

Walter Lowell of Charleston, retired Dean of Eastern's College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and a founder of the University Club, said, "University Club meetings provide a social setting where faculty, staff and administrators can get together and share their experiences. I think the Club has served its purpose well over the years."

Fran Wittenberg of Charleston, a University Club member and secretary in the Development/Foundation Office at Eastern, said, "The University Club gives me the chance to meet, on a casual basis, the people I've dealt with in my work and gives me a new dimension to those relationships."

Tim Mason of Charleston, Assistant Professor of Economics at Eastern, said, "I joined University Club when I came to Eastern two years ago. As a member, I have been able to meet people outside of the Economics Department, which has given me a broader perspective about what's going on across campus."

He and his wife, Gail, EIU Assistant Professor of Speech Communication, are co-membership chairs of the University Club.

"Our current membership stands at 84, and we are continuing to grow," Switzer said.

Annual dues are \$25 for new members and \$28 for returning members. (Dues cover the cost of hors d'oeuvres at the social events.) Persons may also join on a "semester" basis for \$14.

For more information about the University Club or to join, call Switzer at 345-7328.